(c) the time by which this system is likely to be introduced; and

(d) the extent to which it will help to improve the postal services and the proposed expenditure to be involved in this scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A proposal to this effect is under the consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d). In view of (a) above does not arise.

Revival of river Board Act

5297. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to Revive the River Board Act for amicable and meaningful settlement of river disputes amont the different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA):(a) to (c). River Boards Act was enacted by the Parliament in 1956 and is in force. A river board can be set up in consultation with interested State Governments, through notification under the provisions of the existing Act.

Vanadium Ore Reserve

5298. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated reserves of vanadium ore in the country and the locations thereof;

(b) the production of vanadium metal or its alloy in the country; and

(c) the demand for vanadium alloys in the country and in the international markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The estimated total reserves of vanadium ore in the country are as under:-

State/District	*Reserves (In 000' tonnes)*
Karnataka	*8,842*
Hassan	162
Shimoga	8,680
Maharashtra	*6,200*
Bhandara	
Orissa	*3,460*